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APPLICANT:	SINGH, ET AL.	}	EXAMINER:	CEPERLEY, M.
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TITLE:	MASS TAGS FOR QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS			

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on March 16, 2004. In such Office Action claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 1-26 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. This Response to Restriction Requirement document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121

An election requirement was made to pending claims 1-26. The claims were placed into six groups:

Group I (claims 1-11) drawn to protein mass tag reagents comprised of an amino acid reactive moiety;

Group II (claims 12-16) drawn to a plurality of protein mass tag reagents comprised of a recognition moiety and an amino acid reactive moiety;

Group III (claim 17 and 18) drawn to a plurality of protein mass tag reagents comprised of a recognition moiety, and accessory moiety and an amino acid reactive moiety;

Group IV (claims 19-21) drawn to biotin-phenylglyoxal conjugates;

Group V (claim 22) drawn to biotin-phenylamide conjugates; and

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Group VI (claims 23-26) drawn to a method of identifying proteins and a method of determining the relative amount of multiple proteins in at least two samples.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of group I (claims 1-11) without traverse.

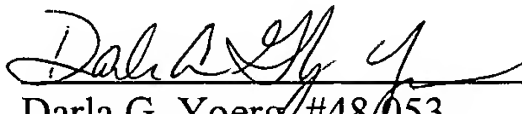
Closing Remarks

If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

No fee is believed due with this submission; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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